

reading and literacy and a strong defender of intellectual freedom. She has served as president of the Colorado Citizens Against Censorship, was a founder of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, and a leader in the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Her leadership in this area now has been recognized by her receipt of the National Intellectual Freedom Award given by the National Council of Teachers of English.

A strong supporter of the freedoms that are guaranteed to all of us by the Constitution's First Amendment, Joyce recognizes how these freedoms make our democracy great. She is an outstanding American who has dedicated herself to ensuring that intellectual freedom and diversity will continue to enrich our lives and the lives of our children. Her contributions have been well summarized in the words of Carol Edmonds Sullivan, a professor at the Colorado School of Mines who nominated Joyce for the National Intellectual Freedom Award: "Bookseller Joyce Meskis is nurturing democracy's vital need for access to books, even unpopular ones."

Mr. Speaker, I am attaching an article on Joyce that recently ran in the *Denver Post* and ask my colleagues to join me in this tribute.

[From the *Denver Post*, September 2, 2001]

(By Carl Edmonds Sullivan)

Confronted a year ago by five police officers expecting to execute a search warrant for the purchasing records of one of her bookstore customers, Denver's Tattered Cover owner Joyce Meskis refused access to the store's files, on behalf of the First Amendment rights of her customers.

Later, she wrote her customers a "Dear Reader" letter, admitting that, "When you get served, or even threatened with a subpoena or search warrant, it's pretty scary." Meskis and her bookstore, which she purchased in 1974, have consistently protected readers' rights by offering a diversity of materials and author events "without prejudice." In other words, she explains, "We cannot abrogate our responsibility to the First Amendment, which we believe to be the cornerstone of our democratic tradition and of our bookstore. And make no mistake, it is just as much a censorial act to prevent an author signing because one doesn't like the view of the author as it would be if the book were disallowed on the shelf."

In October 2000, Denver District Judge Stephen Phillips ruled that Meskis was obligated to turn over her purchase records to law enforcement officials. Meskis appealed the ruling to the Colorado Supreme Court, where it is still pending. Meskis' love of reading is rooted in her childhood, when, she says, "I read my way through the library." One can readily picture her as Roald Dahl's Matilda, particularly in the fourth grade when an adult (whom she declines to identify) told her she couldn't read a particular book since it was for adults, not children. "But my mother wouldn't mind," she protested.

That was among the earliest of Meskis' indefatigable efforts to protest actions that would muzzle intellectual freedom. When she was a young woman working at the Littleton Public Library, a parent chastised her because Meskis recommended Margaret Mead's "Coming of Age in Samoa" to a teenager. Meskis has organized or led various coalitions to assert intellectual freedom—including her service as president of the Colorado Citizens Against Censorship, a founder of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, and a leader in the National Coalition Against Censorship.

When the Tattered Cover offers controversial books, it loses customers. "Permanently," Meskis emphasizes. Critics accuse her of seeking profit at the expense of morals. Meskis said she has found, "When we have a controversial author, there's a far greater likelihood" that offended customers will never return. Meskis also worries about the shrinking harbor for ideas outside the mainstream. In the closing of a "Dear Reader" letter to customers, Meskis makes this declaration: "I increasingly wonder how will we ever continue to be a viable bookstore presenting the variety of books and authors that, in their diversity, strengthen our democracy in the debate of ideas. I worry that all of these forces may interfere with our freedom to read, and faster than a lightning bolt, zap away the soul of our First Amendment, thereby diminishing our democratic society."

TRIBUTE TO JUDY EVANS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Judy Evans, who for the past thirty-three years served as the Executive Director of Friends Outside National Organization. Judy Evans retired as of July 1, 2001.

Friends Outside National Organization provides parenting education programs and case management services in all 33 California state prisons. Under Judy Evans' leadership Friends Outside National Organization has grown to a \$3.9 million dollar agency with 139 employees. Over 9,000 children and 21,000 adults receive services at their prison visitor centers each month.

Judy was instrumental in developing an innovative family reunification partnership with the San Francisco Department of Human Services. Through this program, Friends Outside National staff members are able to facilitate successful reunifications between incarcerated parents and their children in conjunction with county social workers. These children are all in foster care or kinship placement. The goal is to assist the birth parent, whenever appropriate, to regain physical custody after release, with the ongoing support of social services. This program directs resources to where they can be used most effectively: to the family.

Judy Evans has mentored a generation of social service professionals who continue the difficult work of counseling families caught up in the criminal justice system. Her example will serve as an inspiration, not only to them, but to all of us.

Previous to her Executive Director position at Friends Outside National, Judy served as the Santa Clara County chapter's Executive Director for ten years, as well as its Director of Family Services for twelve years. Additionally, Judy has served the community through the YMCA, Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Justice System Advisory Board, The Women's Fund and the Association of United Way Executives.

Judy has received awards of recognition by the Pathway Society, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, California Department of Corrections and the Community Alliance Program for Ex-Offenders.

I, along with many others, thank her for her years of service to the State of California and to our District.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, President George W. Bush unveiled his principles for Medicare reform on July 12, 2001; and

Whereas, under the program, Medicare beneficiaries would be able to purchase Medicare-endorsed prescription drug discount cards with access to lower cost drugs at the point of sale; and

Whereas, the Program was conceived by a select group of pharmacy benefit management companies without the deliberation of the larger pharmacy community; and

Whereas, Community pharmacies will bear the greatest financial burden for this Program to discount prescription drugs; and

Whereas, drug manufacturers account for nearly 80% of the cost of prescription drugs sold in the U.S. but will bear very little of the financial burden created by this Program; and

Whereas, The Program does not provide seniors with access to prescription drugs or the pharmacist's professional services; and

Whereas, seniors take more prescription drugs than any other population group in the U.S. and need the accessibility and expertise of their community pharmacist; and

Whereas, peer-reviewed research has demonstrated that discount programs have been proven not to be effective; and

Whereas, The Program is not insurance coverage nor will it provide drug coverage to those millions of seniors who cannot currently afford even inexpensive prescription drugs; and

Whereas, the Program promotes the under utilization of generic drugs, heavy use of mail order, and limits senior citizens to the option of only one drug per therapeutic class;

Therefore be it resolved, that the National Pharmaceutical Association representing all of America's minority pharmacists at its House of Delegates assembly during the 54th Annual Meeting July 20–24, 2001 in Cleveland, Ohio joins other national pharmacy associations in opposing the Prescription Drug Discount Card program as presently composed and urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Administrator of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to immediately revisit this flawed and potentially unconstitutional Program; and

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of HHS appoint a blue ribbon committee consisting of all facets of the national pharmacy community to study this issue and make recommendations to solve America's pressing issue of prescription drug coverage for those Americans over the age of 65; and finally

Be it resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President, Secretary of HHS, Administrator of CMMS, and all the national pharmacy organizations.